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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139



POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor.

Commission Members (All Present): Nicole Murati Ferrer, Mark Melo, and Terrence James Shea.

License Commission Staff Present: Cristina Casilli, Administrative Assistant; and Kris Foster, Executive Officer.

Documents Considered by the Board: As to all petitions, the Commission considered the application submitted to it and all documents attached thereto.

Decisions: All votes, unless otherwise stated, were taken by roll call vote and were 3-0, unless otherwise indicated. When matters are granted with "typical conditions," those are:

- (1) Must obtain Electrical Department Utility Permit and Department of Public Works ("DPW") Permits and comply with the provisions therein.
- (2) Must pay sidewalk preservation off-set fee.
- (3) Must coordinate site visit with DPW.
- (4) Must commence work within sixty (60) days of the grant and complete within six (6) months of the date of the approval.
- (5) Must comply with any amendment City agencies make to the issued permits after the Acceptance Without Reservations is filed.

1. **New petition (1151722) - Crown Castle**, 4545 East River Road, Henrietta, NY, 14586, for the following: Franklin Street - Proposed 34 feet of (1) 2-inch schedule 40 communication conduit from pole #283/32 to 237 Franklin Street.

Summary/Decision: Petition withdrawn by applicant prior to the hearing.

2. **New petition (1150979) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Harvard Street - Northwesterly, thence turning and running southwesterly, thence turning and running northwesterly from pole #721/11, at corner of West Street and Lee Street, to private property at 303 Harvard Street, install one new manhole (MHC32603) and approximately 136 feet of conduit.

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: This is to install one new manhole to provide new electric service to an existing 16 unit apartment building.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions and additional conditions of mill and overlay on Lee and West Streets and permanent sidewalk restoration.

- 3. New petition (1151346) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Webster Avenue - Southerly, then easterly, from pole #717/6, at Clark Street, to private property at 35 Webster Avenue, install approximately 98 feet of conduit.

Summary/Decision: Petition withdrawn by applicant prior to the hearing. Commissioner Shea also noted for the record that the **road is less than one year old and there would be a significant cost with mill and overlay. Right now there is overhead feed; if work is needed, alternate routes will need to be found.**

- 4. New petition (1151348) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Perry Street - Northeasterly from pole #545/3, approximately 170 feet northwest of Pearl Street, to private property at 11 Perry Street, install approximately 10 feet of conduit.

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: Unit 2 new service requested by the customer.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions and additional condition of permanent sidewalk repair.

- 5. New petition (1153763) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Cambridge Street - Westerly from MHC2962, at intersection of Cambridge Street, to private property at 1099 Cambridge Street, install approximately 38 feet of conduit.

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: This is to provide new electric service based upon customer request.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions.

- 6. New petition (1154168) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: River Street at Montague Street - Southwesterly from MHC1732, at the intersection of Montague Street, to customer handhole, install approximately 30 feet of conduit.

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: This is to provide electric service to a City of Cambridge electric box for a new light.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions.

- 7. New petition (1154170) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: River Street at Pleasant Street - Northeasterly from MHC980, at the intersection of Pleasant Street, to customer proposed handhole, install approximately 10 feet of conduit.

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: This is to provide electric service for an RRF system traffic light control box – new service for the City of Cambridge. At the request of the City Engineer, there was a design change and the conduit will now be running westerly instead of northeasterly. Revised plan uploaded.

Decision: Granted with the amendment that the conduit will run westerly and with typical conditions.

8. **New petition (1154171) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Landsdowne Street at Green Street - Southwesterly from MHC3243, at the intersection of Green Street, to customer handhole, install approximately 5 feet of conduit.

Summary/Decision: Petition withdrawn by applicant prior to the hearing.

9. **New petition (1154172) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Oxford Street - Northwesterly from MHC1792, across from Crescent Street, to private property on Oxford Street, install approximately 16 feet of conduit.

Present: Phyllis Galloway.

Summary: This is for a customer requested upgrade for a 5-unit building.

Decision: Granted with typical conditions.

10. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes** - February 27, 2025.

Decision: Approved.

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Minutes Approved: April 17, 2025

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Minutes Posted: April 17, 2025

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